

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for distributing content comprising:  
transmitting device for transferring said content;  
media device for receiving said transferred content, said media device is interfaced to said transmitting device, wherein said media device outputs said received content;  
receiver/playback device for receiving and reproducing said outputted content, wherein said receiver/playback device is interfaced to said media device and said outputted content is received from the media device.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
said media device disallows the transfer of said content when said media device detects an illegal or unauthorized device as said receiver/playback device.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
said transmitting device disallows the transfer of said content when said transmitting device detects an illegal or unauthorized device as said media device.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
said content is transferred as encrypted information over a secured channel.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
said transmitting device comprises one of a set-top, a recorder, and a set-top / recorder combination.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
said media device comprises one of a stationary storage device, a portable storage device, a removable storage medium, storage within a mobile device, and a secure digital card.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

said media device being simultaneously interfaced with said transmitting device and said receiver/playback device.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device while not being interfaced with said receiver/playback device.

9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

said media device being interfaced with said receiver/playback device while not being interfaced with said transmitting device.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device over a wireless network.

11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device over a wired network.